Environmental Clearance to Pending Projects

*87. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects pending for environmental clearance with the Government, State-wise, subject-wise;

(b) the reasons for the delay in according clearance to these projects;

(c) the losses incurred to the States due to delay in clearace; and

(d) the steps proposed by Government for early environmental clearance or rejection of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) A Statement indicating the status as on 15.7.2000 is enclosed as Annexure [*See* Appendix 190, Annexure No. 7. Decision on proposals for environmental clearance is taken within ninety days of receipt of complete information.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Sale of Spurious/Fake Drugs and Medicines in Haryana

*88. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that spurious or fake drugs and medicines are on sale in Haryana region;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to contain manufacture and sale of such harmful drugs and medicines; and

(c) the details of action taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) Information received from Haryana indicates that 22 samples of drugs were found to be spurious/adulterated in 1998-99 while 32 samples of spurious/ adulterated drugs were detected in 1999-2000.

Under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940, the responsibility for regulating the manufacture and sale of drugs as well as monitoring of their quality is vested with the State Govts. Therefore regular raids/inspection of drug manufacturing and sale units have been conducted by the Drug Control Authorities in Haryana to curb this problem.

A meeting was also convened by the Drugs Controller of India on 1.3.2000 of the State Drugs Controllers of the Northern Region, (including the State of Haryana), as well as representatives of the Pharmaceuticals Industry and trade associations, to discuss measures to curb these activities. The State Govts. and the associations were advised to take a number of measures, as stated in Statement (*See* below) to check the menace of spurious drugs.

Besides these policy directives, assistance is also being provided to the State Govts. to augment testing facilities and develop an information system to maintain a suitable data base for purposes of monitoring.

Prosecution has been launched so far in 18 of the 22 cases of spurious drugs detected during 1998-99 in Haryana, while prosecution has been ordered in the remaining 4 cases. Similarly, prosecution has been launched in 8 of the 32 cases detected in 1999-2000 while the rest of the cases are under investigation.

Statement

Measures suggested to check the Manufacture and Sale of Spurious Drugs

(1) To set up an Intelligence-cum-Legal Cell at the State Headquarters for investigation and redressal of complaints made by consumers, NGOs and Pharma Industry. Cell should be supported with a Legal Officer to file complaint and persue cases in the courts.

(2) To draw a list of suspected areas and dealers for keeping sustained surveillance over them and employ "Watchers" at

Headquarter to act as "incognitio decoy customer" for test purchase of drugs to keep surveillance at the activities of suspected persons.

(3) To augment and strengthen infrastructure facilities in the State Labs. and to expedite analysis of statutory samples.

(4) To launch and purposefully follow up prosecution against the persons under Drugs and Cosmetics Act and other allied Acts for tackling the problem of look-alike drugs which differ slightly in their design, packing, colour combination etc.

(5) To constitute/reactivate State Drugs Advisory Committee by involving Pharma and Consumers Associations.

(6) To Pharmacy Trade associations to monitor the activities of suspected dealers through their marketing personnel by purchasing samples of drugs for validation of quality of drugs moving in the inter-State commerce. Further, such vital information collected by them should be shared forthwith with the State Licensing Authorities for their further action.

(7) Trade Association to educate their members on code of ethics, Good Pharmacists Practices and to cooperate in checking the menace of clandestine sale of spurious and fake medicines.

Pollution in River Yamuna

*89. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court and now the